Contract for sale of timber.

202. *MR. A. K. KUMARAN VAIDYAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Government have entered into a contract with one Rajagopalachariar for selling timber; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, whether they will be pleased to lay on the table a copy of the agreement?

MR. P. RAMAN PILLAI: (*a*) No.

(*b*) This does not arise in view of the answer to (*a*).

Agreement with the K. D. H. P. Company.

203. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Kannan Devan Hills Produce Company has requested them to renew their agreement with the Government?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: No.

PRESIDENT: I find a number of questions relating to the renewal of agreement with the K. D. H. P. Co. Ltd. Some members seem to have asked them under some kind of knowledge and I do not know how far they are correct. Will the Land Revenue Commissioner enlighten the House the ground on which such questions have come up before the house?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: I think there has been some misapprehension about the agreement with the K. D. H. P Company. The reason seems to be this. As a result of certain correspondence the K. D. H. P. Company has agreed to pay Rs. 8,000 annually as additional tax for the lands in their possession. Perhaps the idea of a new agreement was due to this. I may state for the information of the House that the agreement with the K. D. H. P. Company is a permanent one and not for any definite period.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvella*): May I know whether there was an arrangement by the K. D. H. P. company to bring the whole extent of the land leased out to them under cultivation?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: No, Sir.

PRESIDENT: There is considerable misconception engineered in the matter.

Ryots' road from the first mile of the Koottikkal trace to Maramatty ferry.

204. *MR. K. P. KOCHUKORA THARAKAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any application has been received by them or by the Chief Engineer stating that a ryots' road from the first mile of the Kootikkal trace in the Alwaye sub-division, Alwaye Division, to Maramatty ferry in Periyar has been constructed by the people and praying that the said road might be taken over by the P. W. Department, that necessary bridges and culverts be constructed and maintenance works done by the Department;

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[Mr. K. P. Kochukora Tharakan.]

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon till now and at what stage the matter stands at present; and

(*c*) whether any request has been made to the authorities concerned for surveying the said ryot's road by the Surveyor of the P. W. Department and preparing a plan thereof?

MR. M. S. DORASWAMI AIYANGAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The petitioners were informed that the road would be taken up for departmental maintenance after cutting it as per the ryots' road rules.

(*c*) There was an oral request to the Executive Engineer.

Issue of licenses for foreign-made guns.

205. ❊ **MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have made any rule or given any direction to District Magistrates prohibiting the issue of licenses for foreign-made guns in any particular part of the State; and

(*b*) whether any District Magistrate has refused renewal in 1115 of any license on the ground that the license applied for is for foreign-made guns?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: In answer to part (*b*) may I know whether any person is permitted to use a foreign-made gun?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: There is no such prohibition.

MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Then why is it that some of the District Magistrates refuse to give licenses for the use of foreign-made guns?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: Because they might not have produced a permit from the Game Association, Peermade.

Sub-Treasury at Chengannur.

206. ❊**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Land Revenue Commissioner on behalf of the Government has undertaken during the last Budget Session of the Sri Mulam Assembly, to take steps for the establishment of a Sub-Treasury at Chengannur; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government or the Land Revenue Commissioner in the matter?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR: (*a*) No. The Land Revenue Commissioner had only stated that the matter was engaging the attention of Government.

(*b*) Government have decided that the question of opening a Sub-Treasury at Chengannur may lie over for the present.

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